

# SHOOTERS and FISHERS

**Protect your freedoms & the future of outdoor sports**



We can celebrate - Shooters and Fishers Tasmania is now officially a party.

It has taken two years and a lot of hard work. What this means to the Tasmanian people is you can now vote for S&F in all Tasmanian Elections.

## Background on the Shooters and Fishers Party

Mr John Tingle, a well-known media broadcaster in NSW started the Shooters Party in 1992, the name changed to Shooters & Fishers Party (S&F) to appeal to a wider range of outdoor activities.

John Tingle was the first Shooters & Fishers Party (S&F) representative elected in March 1995. We now have over 20 years of continuous representation in parliament.

One of the best ways to grow regional communities in Tasmania is through recreational tourism. Vast areas of public land in this State are locked up. Access needs to be opened for everyone to visit these places and to contribute to regional economies.

We have 5 members in Parliament in different States and are the fifth largest party in Australia and growing. We have finally achieved registration of the party branch in Tasmania. A big thank you to all who took the trouble to sign up or as I would put it—you stood up to be counted for your sport. There will be a Federal election this year very soon and we will be pushing hard to get a Tasmanian member into the Federal Senate to add his voice to the mainland members already there to try to exert some control over the LNP in the House of Representatives----the Govt and the opposition both have an agenda to make it almost impossible for minor parties to get a seat in the Senate---they have the “born to rule” thinking and don’t want democracy to interfere with the plans.

### *The party is you:*

*Therefore we would like you to give feedback us to as to what policies you feel the party should work on for the benefit of the members whether it is fishing—shooting –off-roading – farming or anything pertaining to all outdoor pursuits.*

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A profile of our members who are standing for a Federal Senate seat.



## Profile for Matthew Lindsay Allen

At 39 years of age, Matthew is a born and bred Tasmanian with a passion for the outdoors. He is a 4<sup>th</sup> generation hunter and 2<sup>nd</sup> generation deer hunter. Matthew is also a keen ATV rider.

Having spent his early years playing golf, fishing and scuba diving the call of hunting deer took over in his early 20's. He has spent the last 15 years being heavily involved in his local Australia Deer Association (ADA) branch, with all of these years being either the vice-president or president.

He has followed this involvement through to the Tasmania Deer Advisory Committee (TDAC) the last 6 years as Chairman. This has provided him with a seat on the Game Management Liaison Committee (GMLC) and the Big Den State Forest steering committee and he has also been on the Tasmanian Firearms Consultative Committee. Matthew is also a member of the Field Hunting & Conservation of Tasmanian.

22 years as a Carpenter in the building game has provided Matthew with a sound understanding of the need for a solid forest industry, as this is an integral part not only for fishing and hunting, but for the wider flow on affect for business' in Tasmania. Being a partner in a small retail business in Tasmania, he has an understanding of the challenges that face small business owners.

His wife, Amanda and son, Hayden are a big support for him and are a major driving force for his continuing involvement in the management of hunting in Tasmania and Australia. He has a great relationship with his father and brother, which he puts down to their time hunting together.

His son is the key reason Matthew continues to put his time and effort into keeping our hunting and fishing rights alive.

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## Profile for Ricky Midson.

Ricky is 40 years old and currently owns and operates Training Services Tasmania (RTO#60082) which is a Registered Training Organisation operating in both the Civil Construction and Transport sectors across the state.

Ricky has served with the Defence force in both the regular and reserve forces with his last posting being with South Queensland Logistics Group employed as a Metalsmith (RAEME) at Bulimba Barracks in Brisbane.

Ricky still enjoys hunting and fishing although he has moved his fishing passion from the fresh water lakes to the blue-water arena and loves his Mako shark, Blue Eye Trevalla and Stripy Trumpeter outings although with his work and family commitments he doesn't venture out nearly as much as he would like too.

He enjoys the 4wd experience and conducts both 4WD and Recovery training for clients across the state.

Ricky is a member of the Tasmania Volunteer Fire Service, He joined when he was 16 years old and other than a break while serving in the Army he has remained a Volunteer and enjoys serving the community with the friendly crew at Tea Tree brigade.

He is a sponsor of the Claremont Bulldogs Junior Football club and can be found carrying the first aid bag at his sons games on weekends.

Ricky is supported by Rachelle his wife of 17 years and their two children Aiden (12) and Lauren (9). He strives to maintain an outdoor lifestyle for them and their generation and for those that follow.

The fear that they may not be afforded the opportunities that Ricky was presented is the reason that he fights so hard for the rights of all outdoor enthusiasts regardless of the sport or activity and is a huge believer that everyone has the right to enjoy the marvels that our wonderful state offers.